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Title: FLUID COUPLER

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or computer program (Appendix)

2. ☐ Small Entity Status is hereby asserted.

8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)

3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages: 22]

- (preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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a. ☐ Computer Readable Form

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- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets: 22]

5. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages: 3]

a.1. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)

a.2. ☐ Unexecuted

b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet (see 37 CFR 1.76)

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)

☐ Power of Attorney

11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449

☐ Copies of IDS Citations

13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)

15. ☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i).  
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17. ☒ Other 1. Claim of Priority Under 35 USC 119

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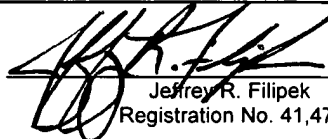
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